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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ANOTHER CUBAN FISHING VESSEL HIT BY EXPLOSION

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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT THE 5,600 TON CUBAN FISHING VESSEL RIO DAMUJI SUFFERED AN EXPLOSION ON ITS HULL WHILE AT DOCK AT THE PORT OF CALLAO EARLY MORNING OF OCT 9. THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO ITS CREW AND THE VESSEL, WHILE LISTING, DID NOT SINK. IRONICALLY, IT WAS ASSISTED BY THE SHIP CRANE CURRENTLY IN PORT TO HELP IN REFLOATING THE RIO JOBABO, THE OTHER CUBAN FISHING VESSEL THAT WAS SUNK AT PIERSIDE BY AN EXPLOSION JULY 22 (REFTEL) AND THE SISTER SHIP OF THE RIO DAMUJI.

2. COMMENT: WHILE AS YET WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE AS TO CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION, THIS COULD WELL BE THE WORK OF RIGHT WING ELEMENTS WITHIN THE PERUVIAN NAVY AS WE BELIEVE WAS THE SINKING OF THE RIO JOBABO. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THE INCIDENT COULD HAVE BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE GOP. INTERNALLY IT COULD FORCE MORALES BERMUDEZ TO CRACK DOWN ON THE NAVY
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IN ORDER TO KEEP CONTROL OVER THE MILITARY INSTITUTION. EXTERNALLY, THE INCIDENT COULD FURTHER COOL RELATIONS WITH THE CUBA GOVERNMENT WHICH, WHILE OBVIOUSLY UNHAPPY ABOUT THE RIO JOBABO INCIDENT, CHOSE NOT TO MAKE A MAJOR DIPLOMATIC CASE OUT OF IT. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS SECOND INCIDENT, HOWEVER, THE CUBANS MAY NOW FEEL REQUIRED TO EXPRESS THEIR UNHAPPINESS IN STRONGER TERMS.

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